

**INDIAN ARMY LAUNCHES E-CARS IN DELHI TO FIGHT AIR POLLUTION****Prelims: Environment- Pollution & Waste Management****Mains: GS-III- Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, Environmental Impact Assessment.****Why in News?**

- ▶▶ The Indian Army launched e-cars for use of its officials in New Delhi on August 1.
- ▶▶ The e-car initiative has been launched in partnership with Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) in a joint venture of the Central PSU's under the Ministry of Power.

**Highlights:**

- ▶▶ The e-car launch is in line with government policies on environmental protection.
- ▶▶ The plan to deploy e-cars in Indian Army at Delhi was visualized on the occasion of the World Environment Day. The first batch of e-cars was flagged off on August 1, 2019.
- ▶▶ The Indian Army plans to operate 10 e-cars in the first lot as a pilot project and develop further such e-cars in Delhi to ensure minimal emissions and efficiency.
- ▶▶ The e-car initiative is expected to boost further development of electric vehicle technology and its adoption by the general public in the near future.
- ▶▶ The Indian Army has played a leading role in several environment conservation activities. The Indian Army's Territorial Army Battalions have been a part of major environmental protection initiatives such as forestation.
- ▶▶ Besides this, army units stationed in remote areas have been involved in several conservation activities in close coordination with the locals to help preserve the ecological balance and protect the environment.

**Electric Cars in India 2019:**

- ▶▶ Electric vehicle technology has proved to be a sound alternative to fight air pollution as it reduces carbon emission footprint.
- ▶▶ Several Indian automobile manufacturers including Tata Motors and Mahindra have taken the initiative in manufacturing Electric Cars.
- ▶▶ The EESL has played the role of the main facilitator in providing these e-vehicles to various Government agencies.